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SWORD

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

A young boy with short brown hair is swimming in a pool. He is looking up at the camera with a slight smile. His head and shoulders are above water, and his arms are extended forward. The water is a vibrant blue with ripples around him. The background shows the surface of the pool with some reflections.

Lazy days
Pool opens for summer fun



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda
Madison Salonus, 3, practices her back flip at Tumblin' Tots Saturday. See related photo, Page 12.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips
(Left to right) Elena Conley, homemaker; Staff Sgt. Joe Conley, 39th Medical Squadron education and training NCO in charge; Tanya Gaulke, homemaker; and Thomas Evans, 39th MDS Family Advocacy Program assistant, enjoy a laugh at the International Spouses Club meeting. The club meets every third Thursday of the month to share food, fellowship and tips on how to navigate the system. See related story, Page 4.

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Clint Hall, 14, relaxes while doing the back stroke at the base pool. The pool opened for this year's summer season Saturday. See related story, Page 4. (Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III)

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Airman Information File

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MENTORING TO DEVELOP TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Rising above personal and professional accomplishments and disappointments is essential to the proper development of our future leaders. Sometimes we face situations and life-changing decisions that call for guidance above and beyond what is provided by an effective supervisor-subordinate relationship. When coping with uncertainty, failure, and even success, advice from a trusted mentor can pay huge dividends.

Front-line supervisors are in position to have the greatest impact on the development of our Airmen. However, not all supervisors are able to dedicate a laser-sharp focus on individual needs for the long-term growth and development of each and every Airman they supervise. Additionally, their background and experience may not fit the needs of every specialty under their span of control. Mentors, together with supervisors, are critical to developing our force.

Being a mentor is both challenging and rewarding. In order to be effective, mentoring relationships must be established face-to-face and based on open communication. Successful relationships evolve into partnerships that explore past experiences, current situations, and future opportunities. A long-term commitment to each other enables the mentor and mentee to develop a meaningful and lasting connection based on trust -- one that endures time and permanent change of stations. Being a mentor is a great investment; the pay off is a future leader armed with the benefit of your experiences, one who understands the value of wingman consideration, and one who will perpetuate the mentoring process.

Believe it or not, general officers and chiefs rely on mentors. We seek guidance and counsel from trusted advisers practically every day -- our success depends upon it. Unfortunately, some Airmen serve a majority of their career without experiencing the full benefits of good mentorship. Oftentimes it is not because they want to go it alone, but they simply have trouble finding somebody that understands their needs. Finding a mentor to meet specific needs is challenging and should not be left to an opportunity of chance.

Overcoming the challenges of mentorship is the thrust behind USAFE's newest force development initiative called Project Connect. This program provides a forum for senior officers to guide and enhance the individual professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis. It leverages technology to recruit mentors and mentees, to help match best "fits" based on needs, and to provide resources that help develop successful partnerships. Although the program's initial focus is on our junior officers, the next iteration will target NCOs and civilians.

Mentorship is more than lessons in leadership. It is about developing life skills to prepare our Airman to overcome personal and professional challenges. Find a mentor -- be a mentor -- help cultivate Project Connect and our future leaders!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

Swimming season is here Vigilance is key to summer safety

By Staff Sgt. Michael Bacon
39th Air Base Wing Safety Office

A 20-month-old boy drowned in a backyard pool with about 2 feet of water in it. The parents left the back door partially open. When they realized they had not heard him making noises for a little while, they began to search for the child.

When it comes to drowning, children younger than 4 have the highest death rate. The No. 1 reason is temporary lack of supervision. "I just took my eye off of him for a couple of seconds to answer a phone, doorbell," can often mean the difference between life and death as lack of supervision continues to be the largest contributing factor to child death rates.

Here are some preventative measures to keep children safe throughout the summer:

- ♦ Constant supervision is the key.
- ♦ Use layers of protection. This includes placing barriers around pools to prevent access when not in use, supervising children closely and being prepared in case of an emergency.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III
Ethan Beeman, 11, plays in the water at the base pool Saturday. The pool opened over the weekend for this year's season.

- ♦ Make sure doors leading to the pool area are closed and locked.
- ♦ Drain small wading pools when not in use.
- ♦ If a child is missing, always look in pools first; seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- ♦ Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation and teach children to swim.

Each back yard is a different and may have its own hidden hazards. These tips will help decrease the chances of a tragedy.

For more information, call the 39th Air Base Wing Safety Office at 6-7233.

Multicultural couples meet monthly, help each other adjust to military life

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Haring was typing on a computer at the family support center when he heard something unusual that caused him to investigate.

The sound of people speaking Russian drifted across the hall and reminded the 39th Maintenance Squadron equipment management NCO in charge of someone he was missing: his girlfriend and maybe some day future wife.

He had stumbled onto the second gathering of the International Spouses Group, a group dedicated to finding out information about how to marry a foreigner in Turkey and the obstacles multicultural relationships face.

"The group is designed to open lines of communication for couples facing immigration issues, tax questions and help spouses adjust, not only to the American culture, but the military as well," said Staff Sgt. Joe Conley, 39th Medical Squadron education and training NCO in charge.

He's one of many multicultural couples who have faced an obstacle or two just to walk down the aisle, and loves sharing his experiences

and learned shortcuts with others.

He met his wife, Elena, in Korea. She's Russian and taught at a university there. Even though they met in Korea, they didn't marry until he came to Turkey in July, where marrying a foreigner is easier than in Korea.

But it wasn't a walk in the park. Elena lived in the alley for seven weeks during the curfew restriction and had three separate blood tests to satisfy the local Turkish court, base and embassy.

It's one of the reasons Sergeant Conley wanted to share his experiences with other multicultural couples and military members about to embark in a marriage with a person from another culture.

"My girlfriend is from Kyrgyzstan," Sergeant Haring said, who also met his sweetheart in Korea and is contemplating marriage, but is leery about the political red tape. "I enjoy getting a chance to speak with people in my situation or who have been in my situation."

"I like that my girlfriend can e-mail and communicate with the girls (three Russian spouses are a part of the group), who can help answer her questions more than I can," Sergeant Haring added.

For Tanya Gaulke, whose husband was working that night, the appeal of attending the meeting wasn't to learn more about military requirements. It was an easy entertainment decision for the evening: a quiet evening alone or food and good company? The latter won out.

"The goal of the group is both to help with business issues and social," Sergeant Conley said. "It helps everyone build networks and friendships and helps lower the isolation for the spouse."

Plus, there is typically free homemade food like the giant bowl of perojok, homemade buns filled with potatoes or meat and cabbage, his wife brought.

"We share 'war' stories and have fun," Sergeant Conley said. "It's easier when you share the weight."

The group meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the family support center, and invites guest speakers like the legal office and other helping agencies. The group is also currently compiling a "how to" guide on topics ranging from marrying a foreigner in Turkey to where to shop. For more information, contact Mr. Evans at 6-9459 or Sergeant Conley at 6-1469 or joe.conley@incirlik.af.mil.

Two new medals recognize units

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas - Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche recently approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award can be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while in direct support of combat operations.

The specifics of each award vary:

Gallant Unit Citation

This medal is awarded to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Just after the Presidential Unit Citation in order of precedence, the GUC requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

"The unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from other units participating in the same conflict," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, AFPC awards and decorations branch superintendent. "The degree of heroism required is

the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star which is awarded for gallantry and heroism of high degrees, including risk of life in action."

The GUC ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Meritorious Unit Award

This medal is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations for at least 90 continuous days during the period of military operations against an armed enemy of the United States on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit," said Sergeant Simmons. "Service in a combat zone is not required, but service must be directly related to the combat effort."

The MUA ribbon shall be worn immediately before the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they're ready for wear. *(Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center.)*



MPF hours

The Military Personnel Flight hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in hours are 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call MPF customer service at 6-3280.

Commissary closure

The commissary is closed today due to the Turkish holiday.

Special duty team

Anyone who missed the Air Education Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team visit March 31 doesn't have to wait for the team's next visit to apply for an AETC special duty. For more information about recruiter opportunities or for an application, visit www.rs.af.mil or call DSN 487-3511. For military training instructor information, visit www.Lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm or call DSN 487-1018. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Roberta Williams, 39th Air Base Wing career assistance adviser at 6-1019.



Photos by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Under control

(Above) Tech. Sgt. David Frazier (left), 39th Medical Squadron laboratory technician, and **(right)** Staff Sgt. Dorrell Bachemin (right), 728th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, put out fires under the supervision of Haluk Sirt, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron fire safety instructor. A weekly fire extinguisher training course is offered every Thursday at 10 a.m. The course is mandatory for military members, but spouses and children are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the fire department at 6-3021.



Cycle of pain

Incirlik focuses on child abuse prevention



Photo illustration by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Rose's* earliest memories aren't of family trips to the zoo or picnics at the park; they are of three-hour-long beatings and endless pain. She remembers nothing but terror and abuse.

"There was always food in my house, but also an ever-present sense of fear," she said. "Every payday, my father would get drunk and high and come home and drag us out of our bed by our hair. He'd yell and hit us for hours. My sister dropped a fork one time and he beat her for two hours."

Although disturbing, Rose's story is far from uncommon. An estimated 896,000 children in the United States were victims of abuse or neglect in 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Every April, family agencies put the focus on these innocent victims during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time set aside to educate people on how to identify and prevent all forms of child abuse.

"Abuse can have a devastating effect on a child's entire life," said Linda Towry, 39th Medical Squadron family advocacy treatment manager. "The people they are supposed to trust the most are the ones hurting them. This creates major trust issues that impact all their relationships."

As a result, many victims of child abuse find themselves caught in a vicious cycle.

"Because of a lack of trust, they struggle with having real relationships with people and may get into destructive ones because it's what they know; it's familiar," Ms. Towry said. "Women especially tend to attract potential abusers."

Despite the best intentions, some abused children grow up to turn that abuse on their own.

"When I was 7, I would go cry in my closet. I didn't want to come out," Rose said. "I swore to myself that I would never treat my kids that way."

Although her intentions were good, the statistics are stacked up against people like Rose.

"We learn to be parents from our own parents," Ms. Towry said. "During times of stress, we fall back on what we learned."

This creates what's known as an intrafamilial pattern of abuse.

"This is a pattern of abuse handed down from generation to generation," said Capt. Gordon Lyons, 39th MDS family advocacy officer. "Many people do almost automatically because that's what they learned during childhood. It's a very powerful cycle and one that is very hard to break."

But not impossible.

Parent education, a support network and a healthy lifestyle are key to abuse prevention, Captain Lyons said.

"Take a self time out if you're upset," Captain Lyons said. "Never discipline when you're angry. Cool off first."

"You can also try methods other than hitting," he added. "Remove privileges, use time outs and reward positive behavior. But no discipline will work unless a healthy bond is present. Spend quality time with your kids."

For parents struggling with stress and control, "get help," Ms. Towry said. "Call family advocacy or talk to a chaplain, friend or family member. Therapy can also make a difference. Get help before things get out of hand."

People who witness an act of abuse often struggle with loyalty issues and may choose not to report the abuse.

"You have to think of the safety of the child," said Maribeth Viray, New Parent Support Program nurse. "Talk to your friend, see if you can help relieve stress by babysitting or helping out in another way. Or, you can report people anonymously to family advocacy."

One phone call can help prevent a lifetime of sadness.

"I still wonder why my father hated me so much," Rose said. "It took me a long time to trust my husband. I seem like I have a chip on my shoulder. I have a need to self-protect at all times, because that's what I had to do every minute of my childhood. I wish my father had gotten help."

For more information about abuse prevention, and anger or stress management classes, call family advocacy at 6-6452.

**Editor's note: Name was changed to protect the privacy of the interviewee.*

Undefeated

MSS aces CS to take racquetball championship

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
39th Maintenance Group

Incirlik's first-ever intramural racquetball league season culminated in a decisive win for the undefeated 39th Mission Support Squadron team over 39th Communications Squadron April 16.

In response to continual requests from base people, the sports advisory council established a racquetball league in February. About 27 people played in the five teams — 39th ABW/MSS #1 and #2, which later combined, 728th Air Mobility Squadron, 39th CS and 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"We are constantly looking for programs or activities to keep the base populace fit to fight," said Tech Sgt. Tiffani Johnson, 39th Services Squadron sports director. "The league was quite successful because our main goal was to give our racquetball players a competitive league to play in."

For many participants, the league offered a venue to compete in a sport they have played for most of their lives. Benjamin Leal, 39th MSS, used to play the game with an uncle three to four times a week. Reid Percivalle has played 21 years, ever since he was 5 years old.

Percivalle, a member of the MSS team, was a stand-out performer during the championship. His lightning-quick returns offered little opportunity for opponent, Shane Wacaster, 39th CS. Percivalle won both games 15-0 during the championship match.

"He (Percivalle) is a phenomenal player and should be competing at the Air Force level," said Wacaster.

The other championship match was between Garvis Leak, 39th MSS, and Connie Robinson, 39th CS. Leak took the match with 15-3 and 15-2 games.

Leak, team captain and coach, was pleased with his team's performance.

"I feel we did extremely well. My motto is 'play with your heart,' and that's what we've done," he said.

MSS will receive plaques to give to their commander for winning at the league- and base-levels, and CS will receive runners-up plaques. All participants will receive T-shirts.



Photos by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Top: Connie Robinson, 39th Communication Squadron, serves the ball during the championship racquetball tournament April 16 at the sports and fitness center.

Bottom: Garvis Leak, 39th MSS, plays it off the back wall.

"I anticipate next year's season to be an even bigger success. This was a learning experience for the fitness center staff as well as the players, and now we know what to expect for next year," said Sergeant Johnson.



Volleyball league — Intramural volleyball league is under way. Matches are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call 6-6086.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi.

Classes are ongoing. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Coaches needed — The youth center needs volunteers to coach youth baseball. The season runs through June 12. For more information, call Bo Benton, 39th Services Squadron recreation specialist, at 6-6670.

Bowling leagues — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center sponsors intramural league bowling Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-6789.

Rugby — Rugby enthusiasts meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5 p.m. at the high school sports field. Everyone is welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Rhythmic gymnastics — Rhythmic gymnastics are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

It was another busy week for team Incirlik, and once again you rose to the challenges. We are working hard and improving our position daily. From Euro Thunder to numerous U.S. Air Forces in Europe- and Air Force-level awards, the results speak for themselves. Keep pressing and remember, don't count the days, make the days count!

Euro Thunder

I'm very proud of your effort and performance during last week's Euro Thunder. The results of the exercise were very positive, with many areas rated excellent. We had many people recognized for their outstanding performance ... more than in any other Euro Thunder evaluation. It was a super job by the entire Incirlik team!

Kudos

Congratulations to the 39th Medical Squadron for the numerous

USAFE awards received this year: **Maj. Thomas Cantilina**, Clinical Excellence Award; **Meziyet Demir**, Health Benefits Adviser of the Year; **Capt. Jacqueline Bowers**, Outstanding Health Plan Management Officer of the Year; **Master Sgt. Lola McLeod**, Outstanding Health Plan Management Senior NCO of the Year; and **Senior Airman Trenesia Hurkes**, Outstanding Health Plan Management Airman of the Year.

Good luck to everyone as they compete at Air Force level.

Children's festival

The 10th Tanker Base will host a children's festival at Arkadas Park Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. The festival is in honor of the National Sovereignty and Children's Day and is aimed at elementary school children between 6 and 13 years old. Food and drinks will be served at no charge, and American children and families are welcome to attend. I encourage you to enjoy the wonderful Turkish hospitality our host nation continuously shows.

Force Protection

It's critical you understand force protection is everyone's responsibility. We all have a part in safeguarding people, preventing unauthorized access to equipment, installations, material and documents. Shred work products such as recall rosters, and be aware of your surroundings when talking about work-related subjects. Be cautious in crowded areas and keep a low profile. Take responsibility for yourself and those around you. Immediately report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Days of Remembrance: *for justice and humanity*

Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Lowe
39th Maintenance Squadron

My father, Robert A.E. Lowe, is a World War II veteran who fought numerous battles throughout Europe, to include Nazi Germany. His accounts of the war were fascinating and helped me understand how it shaped our world into what it is today. However, there was one aspect of the war that particularly troublesome: the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was defined by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum as the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

To ensure the Holocaust is never forgotten, Congress directed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to annually memorialize the Holocaust and its victims. This commemoration is known as the Days of Remembrance and is dedicated to the Jews and the plight they suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

During World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt made a statement to the world community reaffirming the United States' resolve to fight the Nazis and stop the atrocities against the Jews. He also implored free nations to open their borders to Holocaust victims and resist the Nazis. He eloquently

summed up this powerful proclamation by saying, "In the name of justice and humanity let all freedom loving people rally to this righteous undertaking."

Thus the origin of the theme for this year, "For Justice and Humanity."

A common misconception about the Holocaust is that all Germans during that time were in some way, shape or form collaborators. The truth is, not all Germans were Nazis and not all Nazis were German. Many Germans risked and gave their lives to help Jews. Hence, we must be careful to only place the blame on those who truly deserve it, and honor those who sacrificed to do what was right, despite the high cost involved.

It is incomprehensible to try to visualize some of the horrific acts committed against Holocaust victims. For example, victims were forced to work in labor camps until they literally died from starvation and many endured dreadful pain and torture as Nazis used them to conduct barbaric science experiments. This does not even include the dreadful manner millions were executed.

So, now what? Can we go back into time and bring back the 6 million that were killed? Can we undo all of the pain and suffering inflicted against Holocaust victims? Of course, the answer is no. But, there is something we can do; we can

always remember. How do we remember?

It can be as simple as reading a book or watching a movie depicting the Holocaust. You can also visit former concentration camps and look upon the very sites where some of the dastardly acts actually took place. One of the most moving ways to gain knowledge of the Holocaust would be to actually learn of it first hand from a Holocaust survivor.

As we commemorate Days of Remembrance, I challenge you to reflect on the Holocaust and its historical significance. The truth is the world can ill afford to repeat the Holocaust on any level. I believe President Roosevelt's call to action still holds relevance today. The free world must be willing to fight inequality and genocide whenever it rears its ugly head. As members of the military, uniformed and civilian, we have a special calling to ensure our nation and world is safe from evil "for justice and humanity's" sake.

Days of Remembrance events Saturday:

- ◆ Informational booth at base exchange from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - ◆ Showing of Schindler's List at the community activities center at 5 p.m.
- For more information, call Master Sgt. Wendell Shultz at 6-6718.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Children's day

Almost everybody loves children. Although they can be frustrating from time to time, they are our hope and our future. They are the flowers of human beings like the flowers blooming in April.

Turkey emphasizes the love, hope and future of children by proclaiming a national holiday for them. As far as I know, Turkey is the first country to proclaim a national holiday just for children.

We celebrate the holiday every year on April 23, and it is officially known as National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

There is a lot of history behind this day. When the Ottoman Empire was defeated in World War I; England, France, Italy, Greece and Russia's winning forces occupied Turkey.

The country's ruling sultan was only a figurehead because the occupying forces, mainly England, dictated orders to him in Istanbul, the capital of the empire. The occupying British forces closed the Ottoman Parliament. Some parliament members fled, some were exiled and others were put in prison.

Mustafa Kemal, later named Ataturk, didn't stand still. Knowing and believing in his nation, he left Istanbul and ignited the War of Independence in Anatolia. He set up resistance forces and organized congresses at different locations.

In order to succeed, he knew the nation had to be united, so he sent messages throughout the country asking for support.

Representatives traveled to Ankara to help make decisions on the nation's future. Ankara was in a central region of Anatolia and was not occupied by foreign forces. Ankara was proclaimed as the capital of the country later on. The first Grand National Assembly opened April 23, 1920, under Ataturk's chairmanship.

The vital decisions of the Grand National Assembly saved the country and led to the founding of the Republic of Turkey. During the War of Independence, many children were left homeless orphans. Ataturk's concern for these children led to

the foundation of the Institute for the Salvation of Children. Then, because children were the future of Turkey, Ataturk dedicated the day, the young republic's most important day, to the children of the nation in celebration of the opening of the Grand National Assembly.

Tomorrow marks the 84th anniversary of that happy and important event. It is a national holiday.

Major ceremonies and celebrations take place in Ankara and Istanbul. Throughout the country, elementary schools are decorated and children wear special uniforms to commemorate the day.

One special activity is to have a child, symbolically, in charge of every administrative position from president to mayor. Children usually give orders like opening new playgrounds or schools. The ceremony in Adana will be at the stadium starting at 9 a.m. Ceremonies will also be held in Incirlik Village.

In honor of the National Sovereignty and Children's day, the 10th Tanker Base will host a children's festival at Arkadas Park Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. American children and families are welcome to attend.

In 1979, the United Nation's Year of the Child, the Turkish government proposed April 23 be declared a holiday for the children of the world. That same year, Turkey began inviting children from every country to come and participate in its Children's Day festivities. TRT (the state run Turkish

Radio Television) sponsors an annual international Children's Day festival. Hundreds of children from different countries march in the streets of Ankara and Istanbul in their national outfits, performing native dances. Every year children from more than 40 countries come together and celebrate a happy event and plant the seeds of peace and brotherhood.

Courtesy photo

In Turkish

cocuk - child
(cho-jouk)

festival - festival
(fass-tea-vahl)

nisan - April
(knee-son)

baris - peace
(bah-resh)

savas - war
(sah-vash)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.



THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Today

Movie of the month — The community center will show Freaky Friday as the movie of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free and food and prizes will be provided. For more information, call 6-6966.

Monday

Conversational Turkish — The community center offers conversational Turkish classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. A fee is required and space is limited. For more information, call 6-6966.

Tuesday

Belly dancing — Belly dancing classes are available at the community center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

Catholic mass — The regularly scheduled daily mass at the chapel is canceled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call Patty Heidlage, religious education coordinator, at 6-3890.

Friday

Spring fling — The services squadron hosts a spring fling event in Arkadas Park from noon to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the Incirlik community. Special guests, Wings of Dixie, will provide the musical entertainment as they celebrate the American tradition of Dixieland Jazz with their performance.

Saturday

USAFE Chess Tournament — The community center hosts the preliminaries for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Chess Tournament from 1 to 6 p.m. The competition is open to all ages. For more

information, call 6-6966.

Days of Remembrance — In honor of the Days of Remembrance, a time to remember the Holocaust and its victims, the main exchange hosts an information booth from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the community activities center hosts a showing of Schindler's List at 5 p.m. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Wendell Shultz at 6-6718.

Preteen movie lock-in — The youth center sponsors a preteen movie lock-in from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The lock-in is open to children and preteens ages 7 through 12. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Cost includes late-night refreshments and breakfast. For more information, call 6-6670.

Youth movie day — The youth center hosts a youth movie day from 2 to 5 p.m. Children ages 4 and 5 are welcome. Cost is \$4 and includes hot dogs, chips and a drink. For more information, call 6-6670.

Upcoming

2-for-1 bowling — Saturdays in May are 2-for-1 bowling days from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Incirlik bowling center. Cost for two hours of bowling is \$5 and includes shoes. For more information, call 6-9895.

Scrapbooking club — The scrapbooking club meets from noon to 4 p.m. Newcomers of all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 6-3858.

Dorm council meeting — The Incirlik Dorm Council meets May 5 at noon in the Piper Room at the club. The agenda includes discussion and formation of the council charter. For more information, call dorm council members Tech. Sgt. Ken Winfield at 6-8075, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Smith at 6-3489 or Senior Airman Mima Bloy at 6-6482.

PTO meets — The Incirlik Elementary School Parent Teacher

Organization meets May 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 112 at the elementary school. For more information, call 6-3109.

Camp Fun Daze — Volunteers are needed during Camp Fun Daze May 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Arkadas Park. The camp provides camping basics for Incirlik Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. For more information call Camp Fun Daze volunteers Chris Kunder at 6-5670 or April Rogers at 6-5748.

Parent-Teacher-Student Club — The Parent-Teacher-Student Club meets May 11 at 6 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron Management and Systems Flight chief, at 6-6439.

Parent-Teacher-Student Club — Nominations for IAHS Parent-Teacher-Student Club board members are being accepted through May 11. Submit nominations to Senior Master Sgt. Herkel at 6-6439 or Tech. Sgt. Brown at

6-8144. Elections take place May 11 at 6 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information, call Sergeant Herkel at 6-6439.

School advisory committee — The Incirlik Elementary School Advisory Committee meets May 13 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 118 of the elementary school. For more information, call 6-3109.

Ongoing

Base pool — The Incirlik pool is open. Open swim hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lap swim hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pool passes are on sale at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 6-6044.

Tumblin' Tots — The youth center sponsors Tumblin' Tots Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Ages 2 to 4 are welcome. Cost is \$5 a month. For more information, call 6-6670.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Friday

Children's Story Hour — The library sponsors a children's story hour open to preschool children 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday. For more information, call 6-6759.

Tuesday

PWOC Spring Bible studies — Combat Touch hosts Protestant Women of the Chapel spring Bible studies Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information,

call Monica Matthews, PWOC president, at 6-2298.

Thursday

Project CHEER needs volunteers — Project CHEER meets Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the services conference room. For more information, call 6-6441.

Ongoing

Girl Scout volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for several positions. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Donna Pena, overseas committee chair, at 6-6800.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. April Willis,
39th Services Squadron commander's
support staff NCO in charge

Time on station: One year and two months
Time in service: Five years and nine months
Hometown: Wellsville, Ohio
Hobbies: Shopping, entertaining my children
and staying active
**How do you contribute to the air base wing's
mission?** I support the members of the ser-

vices squadron in keeping the accountability
of their duty status by keeping their records
updated and corrected.

What do you like most about Incirlik? The
many activities available

Why did you join the Air Force? For pride,
travel, education, forced exercise and the
guaranteed steady employment.

What's your favorite motto, and why?
"There's always a positive side." We all have
those bad days, but the only way to get
through it is to reason with a positive side
and move on.

**What Air Force core value best describes
you, and why?** Integrity first. I am proud of
what I do, and I use integrity every day to
complete my job.

Supervisor's quote: "Staff Sgt. Willis is an
up and coming staff sergeant," said Master
Sgt. Phillip Gui, 39th Services Squadron
flight superintendent. "Her dedication and
professionalism are admirable and she
greatly contributes to the overall services
mission."



CLASSIFIEDS

Free to good home: Talker, a domestic short-
hair cat, is free to a good home. Talker requires
shots and AVID, an American Veterinarian Identifi-
cation Device, for adoption. For more information,
visit the stray animal facility in Building 6048 near
the old tent city area Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m.
or call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood, stray animal fa-
cility volunteer, at 6-6072.

For sale: 1990 Mercedes Benz, 190E, European
specs. Excellent condition, 164,000 kilometers.
\$3,000 OBO. Please call 459-2221 and leave a
message or e-mail khilton158@yahoo.com.

For sale: 1997 Dodge Neon. New transmission,
a/c. Pioneer speakers, subwoofer, amplifier,
Kenwood CD player. Very good condition. For
more information, call 457-1024 or 05377083963.

For sale: 1998 Nissan Pathfinder SE, four-wheel
drive, automatic transmission, power windows
and locks, dual airbags, alarm system, CD and
cassette player, sunroof, new tires. Excellent
condition. Regularly serviced at authorized
Nissan dealer, 57,000 miles. Available in early
July. \$14,000 OBO. Call Harry Kamian at 0532-
730-4610 or e-mail kamianhr@state.gov or
harrykamian@hotmail.com.

For sale: Jewelry armoire, solid oak with lined
interior. \$40. Call 6-2305.

For sale: 1989 Toyota Town Ace four-wheel
drive van. Great condition, extremely low miles.
Fun for travel. Must sell. \$3,200 OBO. Call Tonya

at 6-2129 or 0533-526-1489 or e-mail tonia.jiron@
incirlik.af.mil.

Wanted: The Incirlik Legal Office has an immedi-
ate need for 13 to 28 sheet strip cut paper shred-
ders. For more information or to transfer shred-
ders, call legal at 6-6800.

Job announcement: A full-time position for a
computer operator clerk is available at Incirlik. Ap-
plicants must be a U.S. citizen, have or be able to
obtain a secret clearance and have expertise in
all facets of data input for digital manipulation,
converting files operation of high-speed printers
with bindery functions. Applicants should submit
resumes to Terry Notchick via e-mail at tnotchick
@alutiiq.com, or via fax toll free at (866)
241-1667. For more information, call Ms. Notchick
toll free at (866) 259-9099 or visit www.fssalutiiq
.com.

Education technician wanted: The Incirlik Edu-
cation Office has a position for an assistant edu-
cation technician position (solicitation number:
FA5685-040T-0012) available. This is a contract
position and applicants must apply no later than
Friday. For more information or for a copy of the
solicitation, call Senior Airman Dartamien Brown,
39th Contracting Squadron contract specialist, at
6-8075 or vie e-mail at dartamein.brown@incirlik.
af.mil.

VBR clerk position available: Vinnell, Brown
and Root seeks an American national to fill a dor-
mitory assignments clerk position. Applicants
must be mechanically inclined, have strong com-
puter skills and able to lift 25 pounds. For more
information, visit www.vbr-turkey.com.

Life guards needed: Full-time and part-time life
guards are needed for the summer season at the
base pool. These are contract positions. Turkish
and U.S. applicants welcome. For more informa-
tion, call outdoor recreation at 6-6044.

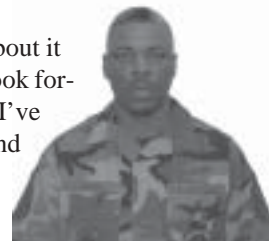
YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call
6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

**How do you like the new Air Force utility
uniform?**

"What I'm hearing about it
is interesting, and I look for-
ward to it. For years, I've
ironed my uniform, and
it's time consuming.
I'm hoping it's truly
wash and wear, yet
still presents a good military image. I like
creases and a nice appearance."



– **Master Sgt. Kenneth Moore, 728th Air
Mobility Squadron**

"I'm in favor of it because I wash
and iron my husband's uniform.
Change is good, and it will be
easier to take care of."



– **Shelia Morris, home-
maker**

"I think it's a good change, because we need
to update our uniform's look. Plus, it's wash
and wear, and low maintenance. This is espe-
cially good for maintainers on
the flight line who get grease
and other materials on the
uniform."



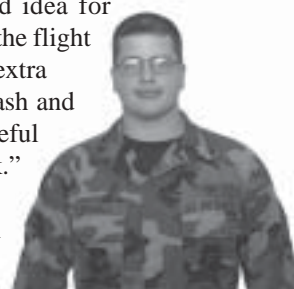
– **Staff Sgt. Joseph
Johns, 62nd Aircraft
Maintenance Squad-
ron, McChord Air
Force Base, Wash.**

"I think it's okay. It's going to
take some getting used to, but
it looks more comfortable."



– **Senior Airman Evelyn
Jackson, 728th Air
Mobility Squadron**

"I think it's a good idea for
people working on the flight
line because of the extra
pockets, and the wash and
wear aspects are useful
for day-to-day work."



– **Senior Airman
Robert Atwell, 39th
Maintenance
Squadron**



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Tumblin' Tots

Staff Sgt. Tonya Hodges, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron war reserve material NCO in charge and Tumblin' Tots instructor, teaches her 2-year-old son, Ty Hodges, how to do a front flip. Sergeant Hodges uses her 14 years of experience as a gymnast to help toddlers learn the basics. Tumblin' Tots meets Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the youth center and is open to children ages 2 through 4. The cost is \$5 a month. For more information, call 6-6670.



AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

Calendar Girls (PG-13) — Starring Julie Walters and Helen Mirren. Chris and Annie are best of friends living in a small village in the Yorkshire Dales. Chris enlists the support of her fellow Women's Club members in a fund-raising initiative for the local hospital. Her seemingly traditional idea is to produce a calendar that has a radical twist — the women will be in the nude. Before they know it, the women are hitting the headlines at home and abroad. Amidst the hype and glamour, the friendship between Chris and Annie is put to the test. Showing at 7 p.m. (108 minutes)

Saturday

The Big Bounce (PG-13) — Starring Owen Wilson and Morgan Freeman.



Jack, a likeable drifter whose talents lie outside the law, heads for Hawaii hoping a change of scenery will

bring him luck. On the exotic North Shore of Oahu, he soon discovers that whether he is looking for a new con or a little romance, temptation is everywhere. Showing at 5 p.m. (88 minutes)

Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) — Starring Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer. On the south side of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. Urban developers are looking to replace 'mom & pop' establishments with name-brand chains. The world changes, but some things never go out of style — from current events and politics to relationships and love, you can still say anything you want at the barbershop. Showing at 7 p.m. (97 minutes)



Sunday

Win a Date with Tad Hamilton (PG-13) — Starring Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace. Rosie heads to Hollywood when she wins a dream date with Tinseltown's hottest eligible bachelor, Tad Hamilton. When Tad meets Rosie and gets a taste of what he's been missing in the "real world," he decides he wants seconds and moves to West Virginia, making Rosie's dream come true. Showing at 7 p.m. (96 minutes)

Thursday

The Butterfly Effect (R) — Starring Ashton Kutcher and Amy Smart. Evan is an

emotionally conflicted man dealing with suppressed childhood memories. He discovers a way to travel back in time, but his different actions in the past have enormous ramifications for his future and present. And every time he heads back in time to fix the problems he's created, things invariably get worse. Showing at 7 p.m. (92 minutes)

At the M1

Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) — 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. (93 minutes)

Stuck On You (PG-13) — 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (118 minutes)

The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13) — noon, 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (99 minutes)

The Butterfly Effect (R) — 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (113 minutes)

Peter Pan (PG) — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (105 minutes)

The Passion of the Christ (R) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight. (127 minutes)

Dogville (R) — 11:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 6 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. (177 minutes)

Cat in the Hat (PG-13) — 11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (80 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.

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